



Meet your hisser

A quick-start care card
Gromphadorhina portentosa

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The basics

2–3 in

grown

2–5 yrs

lifespan

72–85 °F

keep me warm

50–70%

humidity

I'm easy to keep, I can't fly, and I won't infest your home.



My first day

Give me a quiet first day. Set up my tank, let me settle in, and save the handling for tomorrow.



My cozy home

A 5 to 10 gallon tank with a snug, vented lid. I climb glass, so add a petroleum-jelly band up top. Cork bark to hide under, soft bedding below.



Warm and damp

Keep me at 72 to 85°F, never below 65. A light mist once or twice a week keeps the air comfy. Damp, never swampy.



Mealtime

Fresh veggies and fruit a few times a week,
carrot, apple, greens, a slice of orange.

A pinch of dog kibble for protein. For
water, a damp sponge, never an open dish.



Gentle hands

Scoop me low over a table and let me walk hand to hand. If I'm gripping, wait, don't pull. Wash up after. I might hiss at first, that's just hello.



My famous hiss

I make sound by breathing, pushing air through tiny holes in my side. It's how I say boo, settle arguments, and flirt.



Growing up

I shed my shell about six times. Right after, I'm soft and ghost-white, so please don't handle me until I firm back up.



Please remember

Never let me loose outdoors. Keep my lid shut. And keep my water a damp sponge, not a pool the little ones could fall into.

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